

My name is Cathy Buckman and I am a concerned citizen that lives near the proposed landfill. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you this evening.

I would like to address two areas of interests this evening- if the time extension would impact the character of the neighborhood and if the extension of time would impact the public welfare and safety. I would specifically like to discuss how the time extension impacts me and my personal well being as it pertains to the neighborhood and the public welfare and safety.

I bought a house in Two Rivers in 2017. At that time, there were no signs indicating that there was a landfill... the current signs that you saw during your site visit advertising the 2019 public meeting were not placed until 2 weeks prior to the meeting in 2019. As I previewed the area in 2017, I found a quaint town nestled amongst some historical churches, surrounded by 2 rivers and abutting a wildlife preserve. I was looking for a place to move and complete my career and to retire. I loved the prospect of retiring in Two Rivers for the many outdoor activities and trails and the fresh air that we currently enjoy in the community. I would not have bought in Two Rivers if I knew about the landfill.

If the extension occurs, I will be very apprehensive and scared that the quality of life will deteriorate impacting my ability to enjoy the outdoors- the very reason I moved to this community. It will keep me awake until this matter is settled once and for all. In addition, In the neighborhoods surrounding the proposed landfill, there are 1000 over-55 homes and over 1000 homes with children. Assuming at least 2 persons per household, there are approx. 4000 people in Two Rivers, with an additional estimated 500 in Wilsontown and Woodwardville. Once you add in the school population, it is a significant number of people that the landfill will impact.

If the extension occurs, I will be full of angst and worry with fear for the 4500 + people including myself- that we will have a diminished lifestyle if the landfill is allowed to be built.

On a related topic, as you might be aware, the county has launched a traffic study in the area of Conway Road for public safety and welfare and to alleviate the current traffic issues in the area. The area drastically needs road updates and modifications to handle current traffic, emergency situations and safety concerns.

If the time extension is allowed, I am fearful the county will hold off on these critical road improvements, thereby impacting the surrounding communities negatively by not addressing the unsafe traffic conditions that currently exist, and will not address the traffic needs of the school which will be built on Conway in the very near future. This is a direct concern related specifically to the time extension itself.

As we have heard in previous testimony, the following peak number of vehicles related to the landfill once approved and operating from Route 3, down Conway Road to the circle at Patuxent Road and then up Conway Road towards the only approved landfill entrance approximately 0.5 miles before the Two Rivers development:

- \*80 Rubble trucks/day carrying an average total of 1,602 Tons/day of rubble per the Design Report \*
- 20 Sand and Gravel Trucks per day per the Memorandum of Opinion for its Special Exception.
- 15 Leachate Tank Trucks/day per Design Report.
- \*\*295 **additional** rubble trucks/day carrying on the peak day rubble to Landfill amounting to 5,898 Tons/ day more than the average of 1,602 Tons/day\*\*
- 34 trucks per day entering the Landfill removing rubble treated as the County required 30% recycle.
- 10 Staff cars/day at Landfill
- 5 Visitor cars/day to Landfill

The total number of trucks/vehicles total 459 trucks and vehicles per day going in one direction or 918 trucks and vehicles, coming and going.

As this is nearly 1000 vehicles more than the local traffic, and the roads are currently such that they can not handle the current traffic very well, my fear is very real that the current traffic studies and ensuing work to correct current road condition will be put on hold until this matter is settled- delaying traffic relief and improved safety for the communities impacted.

People moving into the community are not aware of the landfill. The signs that have been posted for public meetings- in 2019 (note there was no sign prior to 2019) - have been out of the eyesight of most people- there was one sign on Patuxent Rd in very small writing which many people living on Conway would never see, and another sign up by the church on Conway- where one would have to take a one-car-lane road up to see it and is at least 2 miles away from the Two Rivers entrance in the opposite direction. However interesting to note- there was no sign posted at the site where the 'real' Conway Road entrance is-which would have had the most visibility.

A time extension will prompt feelings of uncertainty and fear that the historic nature of Wilsontown and Woodwardville will not be preserved. Wilsontown has a high level of historic value with its historic church and slave cemeteries, and is marked by the state with an historic marker. WilsonTown began as a community of freed slaves after the Civil War. Woodwardville, founded in 1875, sprang up around the railways through the largely agricultural area and whose development is directly related to the construction of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad; and there is a newer subdivision named Two Rivers.

Wilsontown and Woodwardville have older homes since they are historic in nature. Families have lived there for 3 or 4 generations so their roots run deep. They enjoy a lifestyle steeped in history and family togetherness. They enjoy warm neighbor friendliness and small historically meaningful churches for their tight knit communities. There are large homes, smaller homes,

horse farms, homes that back up to the Patuxent River, large plots of forested property and grassy areas.

Two Rivers has 2 distinct types of neighborhoods- Active 55+ neighborhoods and all-ages neighborhoods. Two Rivers encompasses ages from newborns to people in their 100s. There are walking trails and many other outdoor activities to enjoy. Most days you will see a number of families walking the paths enjoying nature – fresh air, the sounds of the birds and other animals, trees and plants and the company of neighbors. There are sports teams for kids and adults, gardening areas, and open space areas and children's playgrounds. The B&A trail runs next to the community and many residents from all of the nearby communities enjoy nature walks or riding their bikes on the trail

The aesthetics of the area are nice-looking new houses, historic churches, horse farms, and quaint older homes. The area is well-kept, and it looks like a peaceful, fun, enjoyable area to raise a family- or to enjoy retirement.

An elementary school will be built in the local area as well, with the sounds of hundreds of children, enjoying the nature that abounds in the outdoors areas and assume they will be playing outdoors during their daily play time.

How does the extension impact the character of the neighborhood? It impacts me personally as I will be very worried about the decrease in the levels of fresh air and how it will impact my health. It will increase my anxiety that it will be an ugly eyesore that will hurt the aesthetics of the neighborhood as it will tarnish the physical and natural beauty of the landscapes. It will negatively impact and dishonor the historical value of the surrounding areas that have been here for generations. Just the fact of the extension will adversely impact the value of homes in the area since people will be concerned about the possible noise level will increase with the truck traffic, the noise of the machinery at the landfill and the noise of the crushers. I fear I will not be able to enjoy my retirement and that creates a deep uncertainty for me.

Lastly, extending the time will cause needless excessive distress to the thousands of people that live in Woodwardville, Wilsontown and Two Rivers areas since it most likely appears that the landfill can not obtain the necessary access to the one and only approved landfill entry access point.

I would ask that you take into consideration all I have shared with you about how the extension might impact the character of the neighborhood as well as the public welfare of no less than 4500 people.

Thank you for your consideration.